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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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new method

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of decreasing viscoelasticity of respiratory tract mucus in an animal that does not have a respiratory tract bacterial infection and not for the purposes of treating a respiratory tract bacterial infection comprising administering to the respiratory tract mucus of said animal an effective amount of charged dextran.

Claims 2 – 6 (original)

Claim 7 (currently amended) A method of claim 1 for improving respiratory tract mucus clearance from the respiratory tract of the said of an animal in need thereof comprising administering to the animal an effective amount of charged dextran.

Claim 8 – 9 (original)

Claim 10 (currently amended) The method of claim 9 wherein the lung disease is selected from the group consisting of: cystic fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, ~~bronchitis~~ bronchitis, bronchiectasis, bronchiolitis and bronchial asthma.

Claims 11 – 14 (original)

Claim 15 (currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the charged dextran is administered to the respiratory tract of the animal in the ~~from~~ form of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a charged dextran and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 16 – 19 (original)

Claims 20-26 (cancelled)

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Claims 27-28 (withdrawn)